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Madrid, December 4, *N. S.*

ON the 27th past the Chevalier de Conflans arrived here from Paris, being sent on the part of the Duke of Orleans to sollicit their Catholick Majesties to be pleased to consent to the Return of the Queen, King Lewis's Widow, to France, where it is resolved her Majesty shall live in some Royal Palace distant from Paris, upon her Dowry, as Queen Dowager of Spain; and 'tis not doubted their Catholick Majesties will grant their Consent. Letters from Malaga advise, that the Brandon a Spanish Man of War which sailed with the Oneto from Cadiz, and was supposed to be lost, had put into the Port of Malaga, but was in a very shattered Condition, being entirely unfit to proceed on her intended Voyage to the West-Indies to cruize against the Pyrates in those Parts. The same Letters add, that there lately happened a great Storm upon that Coast, that several Villages thereabouts had been overflowed by sudden Torrents, and a great many People drowned. Last Night this Court received an Account from the West-Indies, by the way of Cadiz, of Admiral Guevarra's having been cast away upon the Island of Santo Domingo, himself drowned, and only 80 Men saved of the Ship he was in: He sailed from Cadiz the Beginning of last Summer, with two Men of War of 50 Guns, laden with Quicksilver for Vera Cruz.

Turin, Dec. 13. On the 22d of last Month the Princess de la Cisterna, first Lady of Honour to the Queen, received Orders to declare, that whereas heretofore no Ladies were admitted to Court but such as had been Maids of Honour to her Majesty or to Madame Royale, now upon the Princess of Piedmont's coming to Turin, her Majesty was pleased to permit all Ladies of Quality to appear at the Circle, and enjoy other Privileges as Ladies belonging to the Court. Upon this Notice, great Diligence was used by the Ladies to provide themselves with rich Cloathes against the Court's coming. On the 28th the Court came hither from the Venetia, on which Occasion the Cannon on the Ramparts of the Town and Citadel were thrice discharged, the Garrison was under Arms, and at Night the whole City illuminated. That Evening the Ladies attended at the Palace, and had the Honour for the first time of kissing the Princess of Piedmont's Hand. The Passages of Mount Cenis have been so obstructed with Snows for some Days past, that the Couriers could not perform their Journies without great Difficulty. The King and Prince hunted the Stag on the 11th Instant.

Berlin, Nov. 28. On the 25th Instant his Prussian Majesty went to Potsdam, where he designs to hunt till the 2d of December; when the Queen, Prince and Princess Royal will meet his Majesty at Wusterhausen; and the whole Court will stay there till Christmas. Corn has been excessively dear in this Place, but his Prussian Majesty having opened his Granaries, it is fallen again to a moderate Price. His Prussian Majesty sends this Week a Present of Eight fine Prussian Horses to the Czar.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice, That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be holden at the East-India-House in Leadenhall-street, London, on Wednesday the 23d of this Instant December, at Eleven a-Clock in the Forenoon. That the Transfer-Books of the said Company will be shut up from Tuesday the 22d of this Instant December, to Tuesday the 19th of January next: And that the Annuity and Dividend Warrants due at Christmas, will be ready to be delivered to the Adventurers on Friday the 29th of January next.

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